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 **Capture Assist Mark Usage**  
 **Control Method**  
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1. JP 4-127780
2. JP 11-218820 - This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,873,007.
3. JP 2002-290785 - This document corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0140711.
4. JP 2002-290786 - This document corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0140711.

An English-language abstract of the documents is enclosed.

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